



Geraldine Louise (Sheetz) Steele

December 8, 1930 - June 16, 2015

Geraldine Louise (Sheetz) Steele, 84, of Elnora, Indiana went to be with her Lord & Savior on June 16, 2015. Geraldine was born December 8, 1930 in a little home in Loogootee, Indiana to Chester and Zelda (Stuckey) Sheetz.

Her father was a military man and she experienced many things through this like traveling through the locks of the Panama Canal, going through Ellis Island into New York, visiting many states, and living in Kentucky, Indianapolis and Hawaii. Hawaii was her primarily home growing up while her father was stationed at Pearl Harbor Base. The day before her 11th birthday, she and her brother were outside waiting for the church bus when they witnessed the bombs dropping from the planes over Pearl Harbor. Her father rushed to the Base while her mother took her and her brothers to the Pali Mountain to hide in the caves. They traveled back to the continental U.S. aboard a ship protected by destroyer ship later in the month.

After the war, her father retired and they moved to a little farm on the outskirts of Elnora. She and her best friend Mary Lou became the first majorettes in town. One day after school, she was headed to a local restaurant when a handsome stranger who had just returned from the war caught her eye. She held her head high and walked right past him. He turned to a friend and said, "Who the hell is that?" It was love at first sight, and she and Tom married within two years.

They were blessed with three children; Tony (deceased) Carol Steele, Cindy (Ray) Burris, Shane (deceased) Steele, four grandchildren Scott Steele, Amber (Jeremy) Hudson, Cody Craig & Chelsey Burris as well as great grandchildren Nathan, Carter, Avery and Parker Steele, Bailee Parsons, Tyler Malone and Charissa Gutierrez and three step-great grandchildren Chase, Mackenzie and Bryleigh Hudson.

Preceding her in death are her parents, brothers Chester Richard and James Robert "Tim" Sheetz, sons Tony and Shane Steele and many brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Geraldine attended the United Methodist Church of Elnora ever since she moved to town and rarely missed a Sunday. She taught Sunday school for over 30 years and served on the Board. Her passions were her family and her church. She always loved Christmastime and provided many memories for her loved ones during her big family Christmas gatherings. Everyone who ever knocked on her door was welcomed in for coffee and a lively conversation.

Friends may call from 10 A.M. on Friday until the hour of service at the Elnora United Methodist Church.

Services will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Friday at the Elnora United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Elnora.

The family wishes any donations be made to the Elnora United Methodist Church.

Online condolences to the family can be made at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

County Road 1500 N
Elnora, IN 47529

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Elnora United Methodist Church
105 South Meridian Street
Elnora, IN 47529

Service

JUN 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Sherry (Bough) Hillenburg lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Louise (Sheetz) Steele*



Sherry (Bough) Hillenburg - June 18, 2015 at 03:58 PM

CS

so sorry to hear about Geraldine. She was a wonderful person. wish I could come to the funeral but 1 year ago today my husband passed away and I just don't think I could handle it. I will say a prayer for all of you.

Carolyn Sims - June 19, 2015 at 09:27 AM

MM

“ *I remember in the 80s as a child, her grandson and my best friend Scott would hang out many summer days at Geraldine's home. She always had these homemade ice cream bars. She loved having us there and I loved being there. She remained someone I have held dear to me my entire life. I mill miss her very much.*

Matt miller - June 18, 2015 at 03:04 PM

PB

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. i enjoyed being her neighbor for the past 20 years and always loved just sitting and talking with her. She will be very missed by all.*



Pam Baker - June 18, 2015 at 09:17 AM

RF

“ *Rob Foster lit a candle in memory of
Geraldine Louise (Sheetz) Steele*



Rob Foster - June 18, 2015 at 05:51 AM

JS

“ *Janie Shaffer lit a candle in memory of
Geraldine Louise (Sheetz) Steele*



Janie Shaffer - June 17, 2015 at 10:19 PM